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As hard definitions go, leupai are their own kingdom of crystalline “mimic” lifeforms, superficially resembling animals, plants, or even inorganic objects (to a lesser degree).
Leupai “blood” is blue, and more akin to a thick jelly that makes up the majority of their bodies (with the rest being either dense, hard crystal— such as the “skull”, facet, teeth, and claws, or more flexible crystalline organs like the outer skin layer, egg, and venom sacs). Leupai limbs are essentially tendrils or tentacles, and can be stretched, compressed, and bent freely without harm to the leupai.

Leupai can consume nearly anything, digesting solid food by dissolving it into a jellylike form which is then absorbed completely into themselves.
Their skins are incredibly elastic, enabling them to consume large quantities of food, swallow creatures and objects larger than themselves without harm, and inflate, deflate, and compress their bodies at will.

Leupai oil can be extracted and refined from the flesh and “blood” of leupai, and used to elasticize living flesh, treat fabrics, or processed into a strong rubber.

True leupai possess four nostril-like “vents”— a throwback to their humanoid origins now primarily used to relase excess air or liquids when needed; leupai do not need to breathe (although being cut off from Reveric energies can “suffocate” one, given time).
Leupai hybrids such as the Daedlan family only possess a single pair of nostril vents.

Most leupai are venomous, poisonous, or both. Toxins produced by leupai are mutagenic to organic life of all kinds, causing bloating, mutation, voracious hunger, hallucenations, and eventual transformation into a new leupai (a process coined as ‘realization’ by leupologists). Large-scale release of miratoxin into an ecosystem can result in the mutation of the entire area into a collection of alien flora and fauna which will, in turn, spread the transformation into neighboring regions. Whole planets are sometimes transmogrified in this way, typically as a result of the presence of one or more leupai queens.

Leupai are completely sexless; they possess no sexual organs, nor do they display dimorphism of any kind.

Leupai are parasitic, using their tongueclaws as ovipositors to deposit eggs in the abdominal cavities of live hosts. Leupai eggs typically will not become viable until exposed to the genetic material of a host creature— after which the new genes are

used to determine the final appearance and nature of the resulting quaggy. In times of duress or necessity, a leupai may force its eggs to finish developing without outside influence, which results in copies of the parent.

In a host, leupai eggs secrete residual miratoxin, causing a sharp spike in appetite, as well as residual weight gain, typically centered in the abdomen (this is believed to provide extra protection while eggs finish development).
Prior to hatching, leupai eggs will roughly double to triple in size, then have a last, rapid growth spurt which typically ruptures the outer shell of the egg, as well as the abdominal cavity of non-leupai hosts. Quaggies will tear or eat their way out of the host if no sufficiently-sized exit is present once the eggshell is shed.
Many leupai may remain to tend to a host creature carrying eggs, assisting with hatching and using miratoxin to seal and help heal wounds prior to the emergence of the quaggies.

Leupai species and subspecies may easily hybridize with one another, with quaggies typically taking on an even blend of features from each parent. True hybrids of leupai and non-leupai species must be laboratory-made, due to the nature of leupai reproduction; such creatures are typically sterile, and do not produce viable eggs.
Sufficient long-term exposure to miratoxin will produce Pseudoleupai— creatures that resemble hybridized leupai in appearance, and may even possess partial tongueclaws or mild venom. Somnians are humans who have been gradually exposed to mutagenic levels of miratoxin in this way, typically via tainted water supplies or direct consumption of water-diluted miratoxin (known as “somnus”).

In rare cases, leupai may create “true” hybrids when eggs are hatched within other alien species. These exceptions are included in the species and subspecies listings below.

Leupai are notably unharmed by the vaccuum of space, although long-term exposure may cause gradual mutation.

(note: this list is excluding the Dracotype leupai— astars, fragmentari, and taori— for now, mostly because I don’t have them fleshed out well yet and i’m still feeling kind of grabby and sad and defensive about my dragons orz)

BELMERE LEUPAI

Belmere leupai as a group include any leupai directly descended from Nefirian, the first Reveric leupai queen and origin of the species.
Belmere leupai are wildly variable and tend to produce wild-card quaggies, with traits influenced by the environment, subconscious and Reveric activity, and an

assortment of genes from either or both parents' bloodlines.

Belmere subspecies are leupai that have fallen into more distinct categories— typically the result of several generations' worth of line-breeding, breeding for particular traits, or deliberate design on the part of one or more Administre.

~~CELESSE~~

~~A leupai-saenshi true hybrid, Celesse combine reptilian and feline features, typically sporting lizard tails, catlike faces, and large ears, studded with clusters of living crystals.~~
NO LONGER CANON.

DEVINN

Direct descendants of Silence, Devinn are a Belmere subspecies which resemble hybridized big cats and crocodilians, built low to the ground and typically sporting manes, large, batlike ears, and powerful tails.
Most Devinn have leonine faces, but crocodile or bat-faced entities are also common.

EIN

Ein are the children of Ander, Nefirian's eldest heir, with hoofed legs, long tails, humanoid upper bodies and horns or antlers— typically only one, in either case. Some ein may shapeshift into a secondary form resembling an ungulate pseudoleupai (unicorn, goat, or stag).

ESQUE

Esque are the descendants of Arches, Nefirian's mirror-shard. The only known amphibitype leupai, esque resemble enormous axolotls, sometimes with secondary fish- or frog-like characteristics and/or striped horns. Anglerfish-like third eyes, webbed toes, gills, pufferfish spines, and extra/no limbs are common mutations. Esque are unique among leupai in that they evolved specifically to prey upon others — belmere leupai in particular— and possess a special venom that negates leupai skin elasticity when chewed in.
Esque do not have tongueclaws, instead forcing soft clusters of eggs down their hosts' throats (again, preferrably belmere leupai).

~~HEITENE~~

~~Heitenes are mammalitype belmere that resemble various carnivores, including hyenas, civets, and to a lesser extent, bears and wild dogs. They are believed to be~~

~~descended from both hyaen and laworn, and are under the mutual care of the Administres Eva and Na'than.~~
NO LONGER CANON.

INTERE

Silence's children, Interes are a rare occurrance within clusters of dire worms; roughly 1 in 1000 spontaneously mutate and grow into an Intere.
Interes are naga-like leupai, with humanoid torsos, slug, snake, or wormlike lower halves, blunted faces resembling those of pythons, and bulbous tentacles growing from the backs of their heads. Interes may rarely possess leathery wings.

~~ISRI~~

~~Isri are Sentan leupai — quaggies of the aalarai Isrikhan, one of Nefirian's shards. Isri have tough, opalescent hides studded with rough crystals and pick-tipped tails, both traits used to help them tunnel through rock to dig their mounds and search for gemstones.~~
NO LONGER CANON.

KAELANI

The Kaelani are the children of the Administre Kaelan, gathered and Realized from the remnants of a proud race from beyond the stars. Many Kaelani are related by blood to the Ouinsel of the Sun-Eaters' faction, who were similarly transformed.
Kaelani leupai are powerfully built, with long ears, arched backs, feathered crests, colorful crystal points, and reptilian faces; their underbellies are armored with a layer of tough skin, and their paws are adorned with birdlike talons.
Kaelani typically rest on all fours, but they tower over humanoids and even most other leupai when standing (or fighting) upon their hind legs.

NOUN

Noun (or nouns—either is acceptable) are the children of Silent/Blizzark, one of Nefirian's shards and the guardian beast of planet Meteaux. Noun are wildly variable, but all resemble larbal serpents or dragons, with large heads and vestigial limbs.
Although their diminutive size and frail forms in comparison to other leupai make them physically weak, nouns are brilliant and intensely industrious, building all manner of technology and utilizing science and psionics to defend themselves and manipulate worlds to their liking.
Surprisingly, noun are virtually nonexistent on Meteaux— the entire population instead exists elsewhere, with the majority located in a pocket dimension known as Deliere.

NULL

Null are the mutual creation of the Administre Silence and Giovan— dark leupai with matte, smooth skins, soft, bulbous “horns”, and luminous eyes and points of light decorating their bodies. Most null have pointed, foxlike faces, although other variants are possible, especially in the case of hybridization with other species. Null are “true” space-leupai, typically making their homes in asteroid belts and upon planets and moons devoid of atmosphere. They levitate on planets as easily as in space, being capable of manipulating gravity around themselves to a minor degree.

OUINSEL

Ouinsel are the “changelings” of the Belmere, resembling long-eared humanoids with double nostrils and hairlike tendrils in their true forms. Ouinsel make heavy use of glamours and powerful psionics in order to pass unnoticed through humanoid civilizations, convince other creatures to assist them, prey upon unwitting populaces, and snatch people away for use as hosts or transformation into leupai.

Kaelani Ouinsel are a subtype related by blood to Kaelani leupai, tending to bolder, richer scale colors than the generally-pale Belmere Ouinsel. Some also say they tend to be bolder in personality as well, but this is likely subjective.

~~REUAAI~~

~~Reuaai are true leupai-viridiphyte hybrids — a space-faring species resemblant of grey aliens, with two pairs of arms, digitigrade legs with hooflike toes, and mouthless faces with large, dark eyes.~~
~~They possess tentacles in the backs of their heads; two of these are clawed, performing the function of tongueclaws in other leupai species. Their venom is tranquilising and paralytic rather than mutagenic, and they have the ability to phase through solid material at will.~~
NO LONGER CANON.

~~ROSSO~~

~~Rosso leupai are native to an alternate, post-Apocalyptic earth known as Terra, brought there by Nefirian personally when jee began to build mounds in the region now known as Swansleap.~~
~~Rosso are anthropomorphic leupai — always bipedal, and tending to show more subtle mutation than their “full” Belmere cousins.~~

~~Moreaui leupai are believed to be descended from Rosso, having been beaten into~~

~~something different by the harsh and unforgiving landscapes of the Stygian plane~~.
NO LONGER CANON.

SEROI TRAI

Seroi3 (or “Seroi Trai”) is a virotype leupai— a crystalline microorganism which is highly infectious to humans and human-descended organic species. Infected individuals show symptoms after an incubation period of roughly 7 to 14 days, including coughing up blue ichor, followed by rapid and sometimes explosive weight gain.
Those affected by the organism who survive the initial wave of symptoms typically live (70% of cases).

Some humans are functionally immune to the organism’s ill effects, effectively becoming “carriers”.

Seroi3 is believed to be a lab-grown organism, but sometimes turns up spontaneously in the blood of larger leupai.

~~KITSCH~~

~~Descended from Tristan, the youngest of Nefirian’s heirs, Kitsch are foxlike mammalitype leupai. They store a significant amount of fat in their tails, which are often brandished as clubs.~~
NO LONGER CANON.

STYGIAN LEUPAI

Stygian leupai as a group include any leupai directly descended from Phoenix, the first Stygian leupai queen and origin of the species.
Although all leupai in the following categories are Stygian, there is no definitive “stygian leupai” species.

Stygian leupai are non-Reveric— unlike all other leupai, they have no direct ties to the dream plane or dream energies in any way.
Despite this, they are still wholly compatible with Reveric leupai for breeding purposes, likely because Phoenix is an Administre who has not giving a single fuck down to such an art that reality has weakened around him on sheer principle.

ALCHEMITE

Alchemites could be said to be the demons of Styx— harbingers of war, pain, and violence created by Phoenix in an attempt to soothe the pain of decades-old unhealed wounds. All Alchemites have disproportionately slender, spike-tipped

limbs and thick, bulbous bodies (save the Umber, which is amorphous and slimelike).

Most alchemites are scaled, and resembling reptiles cetaceans, and/or fish. Some individuals, however— roughly 1 in 10— sport fur and more mammalian features.

Unusually among leupai, Alchemite subspecies each display a unique range of scale colors, and are named roughly in reference to such (Ichor green, Mazarine and Cobalt blue, Livid purple, Bloodshot red, Acid orange, Sulfur yellow, black Umber, and Milky white). Furthermore, their venom does NOT transform victims into leupai — each type of alchemite has a unique venom with effects related to their function.

(Tl;DR - Alchemites are complicated and fucking terrifying, what with being vent material, and I'll probably have to make a special post just for them in the future. IT'LL BE FUN DISCUSSING THAT)

ERINYI

Erinyi are Stygian harpies— feathered, flighted leupai resembling demonic archaeopteryx with human breasts, scuted bellies, striped horns, long, flowing manes and dark, wild eyes. Beyond these traits, Erinyi can display a wide variety of additional mutations such as extra legs, taurian bodies, fully functional arms, dual heads, reptilian faces, and so on.

Erinyi are the hellions of the Stygian sky, much as the Alchemites terrorize the land below. They raid civilizations in great flocks, dragging people away to use as nests or simply falling upon and devouring them on the spot, nesting in abandoned buildings and the ruins of destroyed cities and towns.

MOREAUI

Moreaui are harsh, rugged anthropomorphic leupai— always bipedal, and seemingly descended from the Belmere Rosso. Moreaui have been tainted by the noxious Stygian atmosphere and changed deliberately by Phoenix's various experiments, creating an unusually hard and brutal take on the comparably gentle and even-tempered Terran subspecies.

DAEDLANS AND PSEUDOLEUPAI

Daedlans are an artificial leupai/humanoid hybrid created and utilized to assist in the storage and hosting of leupai eggs. They are themselves sterile and have no eggsac or venom, but possess the full range of Reveric leupai traits otherwise, enabling them to safely and easily hatch quaggy clutches when required.

Variants include Iicarn and Helenes— respectively, feather- and leather-winged, flighted Daedlans, as well as Royal Daedlans, a rare, horned subspecies which once included Arches (pre-transformation into Esque).

SOMNIANS

Somnians are post-human(oid) pseudoleupai, mutated through long-term, gradual exposure to miratoxin. Somnians closely resemble their former human selves, but larger, with increased muscular development and fatty tissue, sharpened teeth and claws, scaled skin, pointed ears, and partially-developed, non-functional tongueclaws.
Due to the nature of their transformation, somnians become immune to the mutagenic effects of miratoxin once they transform into full somnians, resulting in a hybrid-like creature that is more human than leupai in appearance.

(archmage-proudmoore @vindemiator — pings for you guys, since you both asked! C: ASSUMING THEY WORK WHICH I”M NOT EVEN SURE ARGH)

Reblogging for reference and I know I’m just gonna sit here reading everything again and again. :D